

placement of the video imagers and lights, and shown in Figures 2 and 3 of the application and described in detail.

This feature of the invention is neither shown nor suggested by Schubert, and thus claims 1, 5, and 9 should now be in condition for allowance.

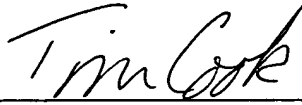
The Examiner next rejected claim 8 as obvious over Schubert. Since claim 8 depends from claim 1, it should also be in condition for allowance.

The Examiner then rejected claims 3 and 4 as obvious over Schubert in view of Walsh. Walsh teaches an elongate tubular fixture which mounts a plurality of rotatable assemblies above a plurality of respective apertures in the tubular fixture. The rotatable assemblies position a number of lamps and one or more concealed miniature surveillance cameras to observe a gaming table or other surface of interest. The lamps are positioned above a gaming table, and thus shine downward on the gaming surface. In contrast the video imagers and lights of the present invention are positioned under the platform, and as defined in relation to the arcuate wall extending from the platform. This feature is neither shown nor suggested by either Schubert or Walsh, alone or in combination, and thus claim 1, and consequently claim 4, should now be in condition for allowance. Furthermore, although the Examiner recited Walsh for the feature of the positioning of the lamp, the Examiner failed to recite a "recess" below a platform when describing the teachings of Walsh, and thus has recognized that Walsh does not suggest this feature of the invention.

Finally, the Examiner rejected claims 6 and 7 as obvious over Schubert in view of Mothwurf. Mothwurf is cited for the teachings of an analogous system for tracking watering data at a gaming table, and not for any suggestion of the lighting or positioning of the lighting, as now recited in amended claim 1. Thus, claim 6 and 7, which depend from claim 1, should also be in condition for allowance.

The Applicants assert that all claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request early allowance. If the Examiner believes that a phone conference would expedite this case to issue, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (Amended twice) A computer implemented gambling tracking system
2 comprising:

- 3 a. a central computer;
- 4 b. a video multiplexer coupled to the central computer;
- 5 c. a gaming table associated with the video multiplexer;
- 6 d. a plurality of video imagers on the gaming table, the video imagers coupled
7 to the video multiplexer, and each of the plurality of video imagers directed
8 to a predetermined wagering location on the table;
- 9 e. a chip recognition system in the central computer to determine the value of
10 the wagers in each of the wagering locations; [and]
- 11 f. a platform on the table above the predetermined wagering location wherein
12 each of the plurality of video imagers is located below the platform;
- 13 g. an arcuate wall extending between the platform and the table, the arcuate wall
14 defining apertures therethrough, the video imagers positioned behind the
15 arcuate wall and directed through the apertures; and
- 16 h. a light directed to each of the wagering locations, the light projecting from
17 the arcuate wall.

Cancel claims 2, 3, and 16.